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In re application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AUTOMATIC FRAME RELAY  
AND ATM PROVISIONING OF NETWORK DEVICES

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Accordingly, copies of the references as listed on each enclosed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 (A or B) are submitted herewith, if needed. No certification or fees are deemed necessary.



The Examiner is hereby notified that for the following related application(s) an Office Action has been received as indicated below:

**DISCLOSURE OF OFFICE ACTIONS**

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The related application(s) may contain one or more claims that may be substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, and those claims may have been rejected in the related application(s). Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file history(ies) of the related application(s) as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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